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1. East German Minister for Heavy Industry Fritz Selbmann informed the Kollegium of his Ministry at its 41st meeting on 8 June 1955 that the Praesidium of the Council of Ministers had issued a decree - No. 11/4 - on 18 May 1955 concerning the setting of wage and salary scales. In keeping with the decree, the Ministry for Heavy Industry is, therefore, instituting measures to reduce the scope of "illegal" salary and wage payments within its ranks. The existing disparities between the salaries of technicians and other personnel in the enterprises have not yet been adjusted but the decree makes it possible to prepare to do so.

2. The Praesidium's decree specifies, for example, that the salary connected with a certain position be set by the State Position Planning Commission (Staatliche Stellenplankommission). Therefore, the salaries now paid some employees because of their personal qualifications (personale Qualifikation - Gehalt) will not devolve on their successors. The successor will receive either the salary set by the Position Planning Commission in the framework of the Position Plan, or the established salary for similar work in that particular branch of the economy - a salary also set by the State Position Planning Commission.

3. In addition, the Ministry for Heavy Industry will discontinue "illegal" wage payments and allowances wherever possible. In such cases, however, implementation of the measures is to be explained to the affected personnel beforehand and put into effect only with their agreement.

4. Selbmann ordered that the essential portions of Decree No. 11/4 of 18 May 1955 be imparted to the heads of the Main Administrations in his Ministry as a "confidential official matter" (vertrauliche Dienstsache).

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